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To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re:

Communication from Gina Cifaldi

C.I. File No. 1029-2019-21

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Gina Cifaldi is making a claim for \$6,200 in damages as a result of backwater in the basement of her residence at 6106 South Avalon Street.

Sewer Maintenance responded to Ms. Cifaldi's call of backwater in her basement on September 2, 2018. The City's sanitary sewer was checked and found to be clogged with heavy grease. A Sewer Jet Vac was called and the main was immediately opened and restored to proper working condition.

The sewer is on a regular cleaning schedule and was last cleaned on May 2, 2017. Generally, sanitary sewers are placed on a three-year cleaning cycle. Review of past cleaning records did not indicate any unusual problems.

The sewer in question is on a regular cleaning schedule and the City did not have notice of problems with the sewer. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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